(b) if so, the rates thereof;

(c) the current prices for structural steel in the market; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken to introduce competition in this field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The finalized price of rails with effect from 01.07.2005 are Rs. 35,635/- per Metric Tonne (MT) which is applicable upto 31.12.2005 *i.e.* second half of 2005. These prices are still being paid provisionally for the present supplies.

(c) Order placed for structural steel on M/s. Steel Authority of India Ltd. by Ministry of Railways in the current contract, the minimum price accepted is Rs. 19,500/- per MT and the maximum price is Rs. 30,800/- per MT depending upon the type of section.

(d) Steps to introduce competition for supply of rails can be taken only after a few sources are available fulfilling the various norms of Indian Railway specification for rails.

Projects for West Bengal

1915. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the projects declared for West Bengal during last ten years, year and project-wise;

(b) the amount spent against each till 30th June, 2006; and

(c) the present status of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) The details of ongoing projects falling fully/partly in West Bengal taken up in the last ten years, from 1996-97 onwards, project-wise together with expenditure incurred upto 31.03.2006 and their current status are as under:—

Sl. No.	Project	Cost 2006-07	Expenditure upto March 2006	Outlay 2006-07	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6
	New Line				
1	New Maynaguri-Jogighopa	894.38	100.73	35	487 hect. land of 64 villages out of 999 hect. of 126 villages has been acquired. Earthwork and bridgeworks including important bridge over river Gangadhar have been taken up.
2	Tarakeshwar-Bishnupur with Ext. up to Kumarkundu Bypass connecting Howrah-Bardhman Chord	255.68	39.59	15	Land acquistion, earthwork and bridges have been taken up.
3	Azimganij (Nasipur)-Jiyaganj up to the Ghat	22.78	2.56	5	Final location survey completed. Work for one side approach and on bridge proper have been taken up.
	Gauge Conversion				
1	New Jalpaiguri-Siliguri-New Bongaigaon including linked branch lines.	890.83	770.56	12	The gauge conversion form New Jalpaiguri New Bongaigaon (279 Kms) of main line has been completed and commissioned. On branch line from Alipurduar to Bamanhat and Fakiragram-Dhubri, earthwork, major & minor bridge works have been taken up.
2	Bankura-Damodar River Project GC, Bowaichandi-Khanna NL, Rainagar-Chanchai NL & Bankura.	282.7	118.46	41.02	Bankura-Sonamukhi (42 kms)section commissioned. Sonamukhi-Rainagar (56 Km) is targeted Mukut Manipur (NL) for completion during 2006-07.

3	Katihar-Jogbani and Katihar-Barsoi-Radhikapur) (Suppl.)	402.98	303.63	19.97	Barsoi-Radhikapur (54 kms)-completed and commissioned on 26-02-06. Katihar-Barsoi (39 Kms) section is targetted for completion during 2006-07 and balance section by 2007-08.
	Doubling				
1	Gurap-Shaktigarh 3rd line	54.14	71.91	0.5	Work completed.
2	New Alipur-Akra PH-I	18.26	28.2	0.2	Work completed.
3	Tarakeshwar-Sheoraphulli PH-I (Sheoraphulli-Nalikul)	38.88	31.15	12	Sheoraphulli-Diara-Singur (11.9 Kms) has been completed. Singur-Nalikul (6 kms) section is targetted for completion during 2006-07.
4	Barasat-Hasanabad doubling with electrification PH-I (Barasat-Sondalia)	23.65	4.04	1	Land acquisition, earthowork, blanketing and minor bridge works have been taken up.
5	Sonarpur-Canning PH-I (Sonarpur-Ghutiari Sharif)	30.46	30.68	2.5	Work completed.
6	Baruipur-Lakshmikantpur PH-I (Baruipur-Dakshni Barasat)	31.82	8.34	8	Baruipur-Dhapdhapi (7 Kms) section is targeted for completion during 2006-07.
7	Habra-Chandpara (Supp.)	40 81	10.4	8	habra-Maslandapur (9.2 kms) section completed.
8	Tikiapara-Santragachi IV line (Suppl.)	46.79	7.51	22 5	Earthwork/major bridge work has been taken up in the available stretch.
9	Kalinarayanpur-Krishnanagar including Ext. as GC from Krishnanagar-Shantipur and New line Krishnanagar to Chartala	43 49	23 29	15	Birnagar-Kalinarayanpur (17 Kms) targeted for completion during 2006-07.

1	2	3	4	5	6
10	Bolpur-Ahmedpur	55.07	43.53	2	Work completed.
11	Panskura-Haldia PH-I	35.02	28.68	0.5	Work completed.
12	Bandel-Jirat	50.14	15.18	12	Bandet-Bansberia (4.5 kms) section has been offered for CRS inspection. Bansberia-Tribeni (3.7 kms) section is targeted for completion during 2006-07.
13	Baruipur-Magrahat	30.1	1.5	1	Detailed estimate sanctioned. Tenders have been processed.
14	Harishchandrapur-Kumarganj	63.22	69.69	0.01	Work completed.
15	Ahmedpur-Sainthia	26.76	16.55	1	Work completed.
16	Kumarganj-Eklakhi	21.47	17.12	0.01	Work completed.
17	Chandpara-Bongaon	22.23	0.26	0.01	Preliminary works have been taken up.
18	Pandabeswar-Chinpai	69.04	0	14.98	Preliminary works have been taken up.
19	Chinpai-Sainthia	80	0	10	Preliminary works have been taken up.
	Metropolitan Transport Project				
1	Ranaghat-Bongaon Electrification	14.78	15.72	2.26	Work completed.
2	Ranaghat-Gede Electrification	32.35	30.2	2.52	Work completed.
3	Barasat-Hasanabad-Electrification	37.7	28.22	8.19	Work completed.
	Railway Electrification				
1	Krishnanagar-Lalgola	79.83	35.05	29.9	Work is targeted for completion during 2007-08.
2	Andal-Pandabeswar	33.06	0	3.9	Preliminary works have been taken up.